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unburden his mind and talked rapidly—so rapidly that the reporters had difficulty in following him.

Two of the gunmen, he declared, got drunk and committed murder when they had been instructed only to "throw a scare into the gambler." He had no idea, he declared, that there was to be any shooting. He thought Rosenthal was to be bought off or scared off.

"Rose," he said, "kept coming the gunmen along as to how strong Becker was, with the idea of getting them keyed up to 'throw a scare' into Herman. The plan was to frighten Rosenthal so he would not go to the District Attorney. Rose did say to the gunmen, 'Why you could croak Rosenthal anywhere and Becker could fix it,' but that didn't mean that they should croak him. It simply was meant to impress on them that Becker was so strong in the Police Department he could even square murder."

WEBBER AND WIFE BOTH TALKATIVE NOW.

Webber and his wife, so reticent when they started for Havana two weeks ago, simply bubbled over with conversation on their return. Both talked at the same time.

"My husband," said Mrs. Webber, "is distressed in his mind. This sea trip didn't do him much good. On the way down and back he couldn't sleep. He spent night after night wandering from one of our staterooms to another."

"I try to cheer him up all I can, telling him he couldn't do anything, but what did he do. About the only way I can cheer him up is to assure him that Becker and the other four men are sure to get new trials."

"I think about that death house all the time," broke in Webber. "If those men go to the chair it is going to kill me the day they die. My only hope in life now is that they escape the death penalty. It's an awful thing to think of sending five men to the death chair."

Webber said he is through with gambling. He intends to go into the business of manufacturing clothing in partnership with his brother. He doesn't fear the vengeance of gamblers or gunmen.

"If you knew as much about those fellows as I do," he sneered, "you'd laugh your head off."

CALLS SAM SCHEPPS UNGRATEFUL PUP.

Webber was told that Sam Schepps, another of the informers, had been telling tales about rows between the informers while they were in West Side Prison. Webber flared up.

"Why, that little dog Schepps," he exclaimed. "He's an ungrateful pup. While we were in prison I was the only one that had any money. I staked Schepps. My wife brought him food. Schepps got some money from his lawyer, too. He didn't need money in jail, but what do you suppose he did? Squeaked into my cell on one occasion and stole money from my clothes."

"Now, about the Rosenthal matter," Webber went on, "it has cost me \$20,000. But there would never have been any trouble like what we went through if it hadn't been for that loose mouth, 'Jack' Sullivan."

"Jack Sullivan's gabby mouth has been getting me into trouble all my life. I've had to go to the front many a time for him because of his inclination to talk. He talked us all into this trouble and then, to top it off, he talked himself into it, and I hope to God he has to stay in jail until he rots."

"Herman Rosenthal wouldn't be dead and Becker and 'Lefty Louie' and 'Whitely Lewis' and 'Gyp the Blood' and 'Dago Frank' wouldn't be in the death house if it hadn't been for Jack Sullivan's meddlesomeness. Sullivan tried to carry water on both shoulders."

CALLS SULLIVAN A TALE BEARER.

"He carried tales from Rosenthal to Becker and from Becker to Rosenthal. He would run to Becker and tell him what Rosenthal said or what he said Rosenthal said, and then he would run to Rosenthal with what he said Becker said. He carried lies and trouble back and forth day after day."

"If it hadn't been for 'Jack' Sullivan and his gabby mouth, I'll tell you what would have happened. Rosenthal would have gone to the District Attorney and made his statement. He would have had enough evidence to convict Becker of being a grafter and Becker would have been dropped from the police force. That would have ended it all. If it hadn't been for Sullivan's tale-carrying Becker would never have known what was in Rosenthal's mind."

"Now I want to say that there never was any intention to kill Herman Rosenthal. The idea was to buy him off or scare him away. But Sullivan kept butting in. Even on the night when Rosenthal was killed he butted into Becker at the prize fight at Madison Square Garden. He wanted to have his mouth in everything."

"Becker was afraid of the effect on his chances as a policeman if Rosenthal would go to the District Attorney. Becker knew that a lot of people were sore on him. He wanted Rosenthal bribed off or scared off. He would come to me and ask me what I was doing about it."

"I would tell him everything was going on all right. I never had anything to do with getting the gunmen. Rose did that. Becker used to go to Rose and ask him what was being done about Rosenthal. Becker used to tell Rose how strong he was in the Department, and Rose, believing what Becker said, told the gunmen they could even croak Herman Rosenthal and get away with it. But nothing was said to me about killing Rosenthal."

RAPS "JOHN THE BARBER" TOO.

"I wasn't at the Metropole at the time of the murder, and 'John the Barber' didn't see me running away. 'John the Barber' was sore at me because I tipped off a friend of mine who had been trimmed in a game in 'John the Barber's' place. I could have shown, if necessary, that 'John the Barber' was in a Chinese restaurant until 3 o'clock in the morning on the day Rosenthal was killed."

"When I was arrested I meant to keep quiet. I had no intention of telling anything I knew. I stood pat until the morning of the day Jack Rose made his confession."

"On the morning of that day I sent my wife to Max D. Steuer's office with \$10,000. She gave him the money in his office, not on the street, as the newspapers said at the time."

"That's right," chimed in Mrs. Webber. "I gave Mr. Steuer \$10,000 in his office."

"Well," Webber went on, "after I had paid out that \$10,000 the next thing I knew Jack Rose had confessed. What could I do? I had to get in line."

Webber repeated that his experience had cost him \$20,000. This included, he said, the \$10,000 he gave Jack Rose to give to the gunmen as 'getaway money.'

Will Free Becker, Say Counsel; Declare Him "American Dreyfus"

Joseph Shay, counsel for Becker in his appeal for a new trial, said Webber's statement confirmed evidence he had been gathering ever since he came into the case.

"If the men to whom Webber made this statement will go before Justice Goff and testify to it under oath," he said, "it will be ground enough for Justice Goff to order a new trial in connection with corroborative evidence which I have gathered."

"I have been working along that line. I have evidence to show that there was no murder plot in so far as Becker is concerned. This statement of Webber is the most important corroborative evidence I could possibly obtain. If there was no contract in advance to commit murder Becker was 'gratuitously convicted.'"

"I have reviewed every bit of the testimony given in the case of Lieut. Becker, and I find that there was an undercurrent of effort to tell the truth. By this I mean that 'Bridgie' Webber,

Widow Who Would Free Slayer Of Her Husband, and Her Child



STEUER DENIED ON OATH BEING WEBBER'S LAWYER

Max Steuer, in the Briarcliff trial, was asked, "You were further referred to by Mr. Erlanger as 'Bridgie' Webber's lawyer." Is he not your client? He answered: "He is not. He was not and never has been. Harford P. Marshall, who was with Mr. Jerome when he was District Attorney, was his counsel throughout the entire trial. I was called in by Webber's family, a family of the highest repute, and my repeated declaration to them, and to him, was that the only basis upon which I could have anything to do with his affairs was that he should tell the entire truth. District Attorney Whitman has said to me, as a result of this, that the public service I rendered was second to none."

the murder, and the inference was that Webber did the planning. It would indicate that he was a guilty innocent man.

In Webber's testimony he swore that he was not at the Garden restaurant at the time it was sworn that the murder of Rosenthal was first intended. He also swore that he did not direct anyone to kill Rosenthal and that, directly or indirectly, he did not do so.

"I intend to show there never was a meeting at one Hundred and Twenty-fourth street and Seventh avenue, where Becker was supposed to have ordered Valion, Webber and Rose to kill Rosenthal. During the course of testimony they attempted to corroborate each other, but in the event it appeared there was a conflict in their statements that neither could reconcile, they made it appear that one or the other was absent for a moment."

SULLIVAN'S REFUSAL SPOILED PLOT, HE SAYS. "Valion went to get a cigar while talking with Becker, he swore, and Rose and Valion swore that Webber and Becker stepped aside and talked to each other privately. And Webber and Valion swore that Rose and Becker stepped aside for the same purpose. Rose alone swore that Becker and Valion were talking together before even he came on the scene."

"Another arrangement in the testimony occurred when they sought to show that Becker met them a few hours after the murder. Originally they intended to have Jack Sullivan corroborate them, so they said he was there. Later, when Sullivan refused to corroborate them, they left him in the group before Becker was supposed to arrive, but when the perjurer's testimony concerning Becker meeting them and his statement was arranged, they simply injected a new figure into the scene in the person of a man named 'Muttie.' This man, Muttie, was supposed to come along just at that moment and take Sullivan away with him."

"It is admitted by Rose, Valion, Schepps and Webber that the four so-called gunmen never knew Herman Rosenthal, nor had they ever seen him in their lives. The truth they are alleged to have met at Bridgie Webber's, if the story as testified to by Rose, Webber, Valion and Schepps was true, there is a link missing. It has not been shown who identified Rosenthal to Lefty Louie, Whitely Lewis, Dago Frank and Gyp the Blood."

Rose swore that after all were congregated at Webber's poker room, just before the killing, Webber went out and came back and said Rosenthal was around at the Metropole, and that everybody there corroborated the testimony of Schepps and himself. Webber testified that when he made the announcement about Rosenthal being at the Metropole everybody went out except himself, and that he remained behind five minutes.

Valion testified that everybody went out but that he remained behind fifteen minutes. Schepps corroborated Rose. In other words, the testimony of these four men they stayed behind and only the alleged gunmen went out. Shapiro swore he took only four men with him in the car around to the Metropole, and none of them was Webber, Rose, Schepps or Valion. Who pointed out Herman Rosenthal?

These are only a few instances of conflict in the testimony of Rose, Webber, Schepps and Valion. There are hundreds of other conflicts on crucial points, all of which will be brought out in the appeal proceedings, to show Lieut. Becker to be the American Dreyfus.

TRUTH WILL BE TOLD, MINTYRE DECLARES. John F. McIntyre, chief counsel for Lieut. Becker, did not betray surprise when he was told of the statement of "Bridgie" Webber that there was no Rosenthal murder plot in which Becker was interested. He said he had been expecting some such development.

"Webber's statement," said Mr. McIntyre, "confirms what I have said from the beginning. The whole case was a frame-up, and Rose, Webber, Valion and Schepps implicated Becker for the purpose of relieving themselves of criminal liability."

"The day is not far distant when the entire truth will be disclosed and the State of New York will have witnessed the indubitable fact that an innocent man has been convicted of murder in the first degree. Conditions will confront the prosecution, when I get this matter before the Court of Appeals, tending to substantiate this fact."

"That Webber practically admits he committed perjury does not surprise me. I hope the conscience of the other so-called informers will stir them to tell the truth now. I have doubts about Rose, for he swore he had no conscience and his conscience never prickled him. But Valion, I have been informed, will sooner or later admit he was in a scheme to frame up Becker after the arrest of himself, Rose and Webber."

Schepps told me I was wanted there. I met Valion, Rose and Becker there. They were talking. I stood listening. Becker said, 'Webber, the one I am going to let go is Waldo and the Mayor. He is trying to get Waldo and the Mayor. Now he is after Whitman. If he gets to Whitman it's all off. When is this going to be croaked?' Then he

called me aside and said, 'Bridgie, why don't you speak to the boys and have that croaked?' I said, 'Charles, that's dangerous.' He answered, 'He's trying to get to Whitman and that's more dangerous. He must be croaked and I'll stand by the fellows who do it. I will protect them to the limit.' I said, 'All right, Charles, if that's the way you feel we will do it.' Then we separated and I returned to my poker room."

SAID BECKER WAS GETTING IMPATIENT OVER DELAY. On July 10 Becker called me at my home. He said he wanted to see me, and I met him at Fifteenth street and Fourth avenue in front of the United Square Hotel. He said, 'Bridgie, what are you doing about that—Rosenthal? He is making trouble for me. Why don't you have him croaked? I said, 'Charles, that is all being taken care of. You can expect to read it in the papers any day.' Then I went away."

Q. What were you doing about croaking Rosenthal? A. Nothing except talk to Rose, to whom I had talked before. I told him I had just left Becker and that he was very anxious to have the boys get on the job and croak Rosenthal. I told Rose I would help him and he said he would get the gunmen and bring them to my place. Then I was to find Rosenthal and they were to do the job."

Q. Did you have any talk with Becker the night of the Sam Paul outfit? A. Yes, he said, 'Damn it! Get on the job.' Q. On July 15 did you meet Rose? A. Yes. He came to my poker room at 4:30 o'clock and said Becker had told him a subpoena was out for four men to go before Whitman to corroborate the story Rosenthal was telling about Becker. These men were 'Dago Frank,' 'Abie the Rebel,' 'Abie' Hahnle and Rose. Rose said that Becker wanted me to see those men, and I did. That night I saw Becker and Jack Sullivan in Madison Square Garden, but had no talk with him. Then I went to my poker room and met Sam Paul, 'Dago Frank,' 'Lefty Louie,' 'Whitely Lewis' and 'Gyp the Blood.' Gyp asked if I had seen Dago Frank or Rose. I said no, but just at that time Rose and Dago Frank came up. I took them to my poker room, where I ordered food for them. At 1:30 o'clock in the morning Rose asked me where I would have them. I put on my hat and went to the Metropole. There I saw Herman Rosenthal. I ran back to my poker room and told the fellows."

TELLS OF A FIFTH MAN HE DID NOT KNOW. Five of them left—'Lefty Louie,' 'Whitely Lewis,' 'Dago Frank,' 'Gyp the Blood' and a fifth man, do not know who he was. I stayed there five minutes and then walked to Broadway and Forty-second street. I stayed there a few minutes and then went back to my poker room. Later I walked back to Broadway and Forty-fifth street and stood there a few minutes. There I heard that Herman Rosenthal had been killed."

ROOSEVELT LEADS ATTACK ON IDAHO SUPREME COURT

Colonel Says Decision in Bull Moose Case Was Outrage and Should Be Fought.

"HURTS WHOLE NATION"

One of His Party Men Declares the Court Should Be in Prison Stripes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—At the formal opening of the Progressive party's conference here today Col. Roosevelt repeated and emphasized his criticism of the act of the Supreme Court of Idaho in ruling Progressive electors from the ballot in the November election. Not to have criticized the decision, for which several Boise editors who quoted the Colonel's strictures have been cited for contempt, would have been cowardly, the Colonel asserted.

"The Boise Capital-News," said Col. Roosevelt, "was the only paper that had the courage to criticize the decision. I hold that it would have been cowardly not to have criticized such an outrageous decree. The severest criticism the paper contained, however, was in a telegram from me."

"I did not make it half strong enough; it was much worse than the ordinary bad decision. I hold that the decision was outrageous, and was the duty of every honest citizen to protest against it and to denounce it in the strongest terms."

"Now the Court has cited Publisher Sheridan and other editors for contempt. The Court has it within its power, by inflicting a sufficiently heavy fine, to ruin the only paper in Idaho with the strength to hold out against it."

"The action of the Idaho Court is not only against the people of Idaho, but against the whole citizenship of the United States, and the people should use every effort to combat the outrage."

"It is to prevent just such outrages that the Progressive party advocates the recall of judicial decisions."

Col. Roosevelt concluded his address amid tumultuous cheers in the midst of which arose the cry "Let's hear from Idaho!"

In response J. H. Gibson of Caldwell, in that State, arose and inspired cheers when he said, "The Supreme Court of Idaho, instead of being in position to cite editors for contempt should be wearing stripes."

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The Colonel directed to Senator Wm. George W. Perkins, Frank A. Munsey and C. B. Bird. Calling each by name, he continued: "I not only want to thank you, but to say that I have been happy to be associated with you. I want to say that there have been no more disinterested Progressives than yourselves. Not only will we stand by you, but we want to learn that I knew of these contributions and was very much obliged for them."

This digression was greeted by cheers.

LAWYER GIVEN CONTROL OF CROCKER MILLIONS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Malcolm Whitman, formerly Miss Jennie Crocker, has executed a power of attorney in favor of Henry T. Scott of this city, giving him complete control over her \$100,000,000 properties. Mr. and Mrs. Whitman are now living temporarily in New York.

Before her marriage, Scott, who is an attorney, had handled the affairs of Miss Crocker and her brother. The purpose of the document is to keep all of the California property under one management.

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